

Assignment by Alexander Graham Bell, October 1912

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ASSIGNMENT.

WHEREAS, I, Alexander Graham Bell, of Washington, D. C., was heretofore associated with Frederick W. Baldwin, of Toronto, Canada, Glenn H. Curtiss, of Hammondsport, N. Y., J. A. Douglas McCurdy, of Baddeck, Nova Scotia, and Thomas E. Selfridge, deceased, in perfecting improvements in flying machines, which Association was known as the Aerial Experiment Association; and

WHEREAS, it was agreed between the members of such Association that all inventions in flying machines made by the members thereof during the existence of such Association should be and become the joint property of the members aforesaid; and

WHEREAS, I, the said Alexander Graham Bell, did, while a member of such Association, make certain inventions in and relating to flying machines, for which I have made application for U. S. Letters-Patent, Serial N o 542,679, filed February 8th, 1910; and

WHEREAS, it has been agreed by the members of such Association to assign all inventions, applications for patents and patents made by the members thereof during the lifetime of said Association in so far as the same relate to flying machines, to Charles J. Bell, of Washington, D. C., to hold the same in trust for the joint use and benefit of the members of such Association, and to make such sale or other disposition thereof as in the judgment of him, the said Charles J. Bell, may be deemed best for the interests of all the parties concerned;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it Known That I, the said Alexander Graham Bell, for and in consideration of the premises and agreements, and certain other good and valuable considerations, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, do hereby sell, assign, transfer

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and set over unto the said Charles J. Bell, as Trustee, or his successor in trust, for the parties aforesaid, all my right, title and interest in and to the invention described or intended to be described in said application and in and to said 2 application and the patent or patents that may be granted thereon or therefor, to have and to hold the same in trust for the joint interests of the said Frederick W. Baldwin, Glenn H. Curtiss, J. A. Douglas McCurdy, Edward A. Selfridge, as Administrator of the estate of Thomas E. Selfridge, deceased, and myself, the said Alexander Graham Bell, hereby granting to the said Charles J. Bell, Trustee, or his successor in trust, the right to grant licenses under the patent when granted or to sell or make any other disposition whatsoever thereof, or to take such action in relation thereto as in his judgment as Trustee may be for the best interests of all the parties concerned, hereby expressly relieving the licensee, assignee or other party taking any other interest from the said Charles J. Bell as such Trustee, or his successor in trust, from the duty to see to the application of the consideration received by the said Trustee therefor.

And the Commissioner of Patents is respectfully requested to issue the patent, when granted, to the said Charles J. Bell or his successor in trust, as Trustee in and for the purposes hereinbefore set forth.

Signed this # day of October, 1912, at #.

Alexander Graham Bell

ss.

On this # day of October, 1912, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Alexander Graham Bell, to me known and known to me to be the person who executed the foregoing assignment, and to me acknowledged that he executed the same, and that the same is his act and deed as and for the purpose therein set forth.

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